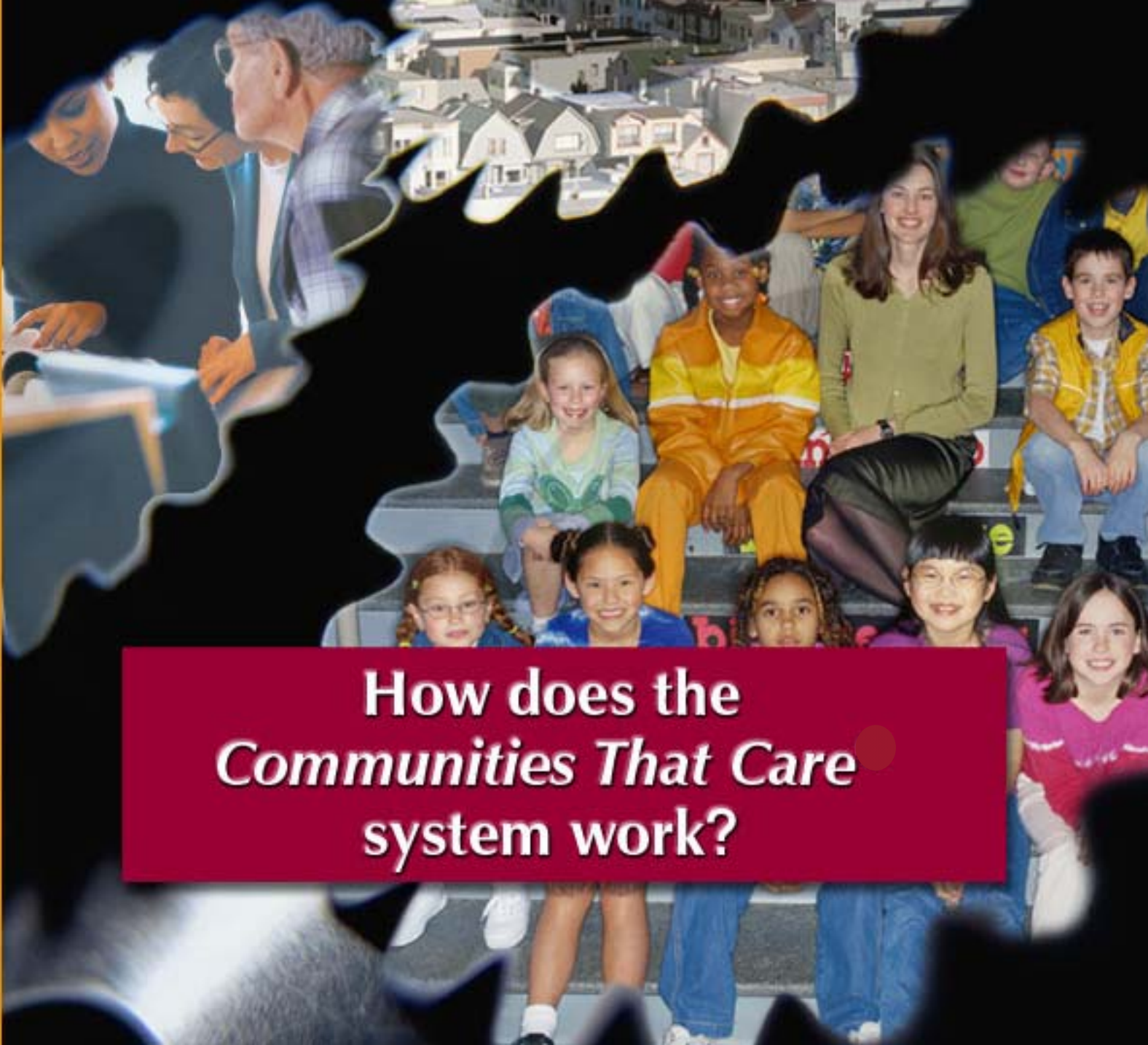


Why are  
you here?



What is the  
*Communities That Care* system?



A large, irregularly shaped collage of various photographs is centered on the slide. The photos depict a diverse group of people, including children and adults, in various settings such as classrooms, outdoors, and in community groups. The collage is set against a background of interlocking puzzle pieces.

**How does the  
*Communities That Care*  
system work?**



## Benefits of the *Communities That Care* system





Do we need the  
*Communities That Care* system?



**Why does the *Communities That Care* system work so well?**



**The Goal...**  
**Healthy behaviors**  
...for all children and youth

**Start with...**  
**Healthy beliefs & clear standards**  
...in families, schools, communities and peer groups

**Build...**  
**Bonding**  
• **Attachment** • **Commitment**  
...to families, schools, communities and peer groups

By providing...  
**Opportunities**  
...in families, schools, communities and peer groups

By providing...  
**Skills**  
...in families, schools, communities and peer groups

By providing...  
**Recognition**  
...in families, schools, communities and peer groups

**And by nurturing...**  
**Individual characteristics**

**Building  
protection:**

**The Social  
Development  
Strategy**

# Risk factors





# Tested, effective programs, policies and practices



**Getting  
Started**



**Organizing,  
Introducing,  
Involving**

**The  
Communities  
That Care  
system**

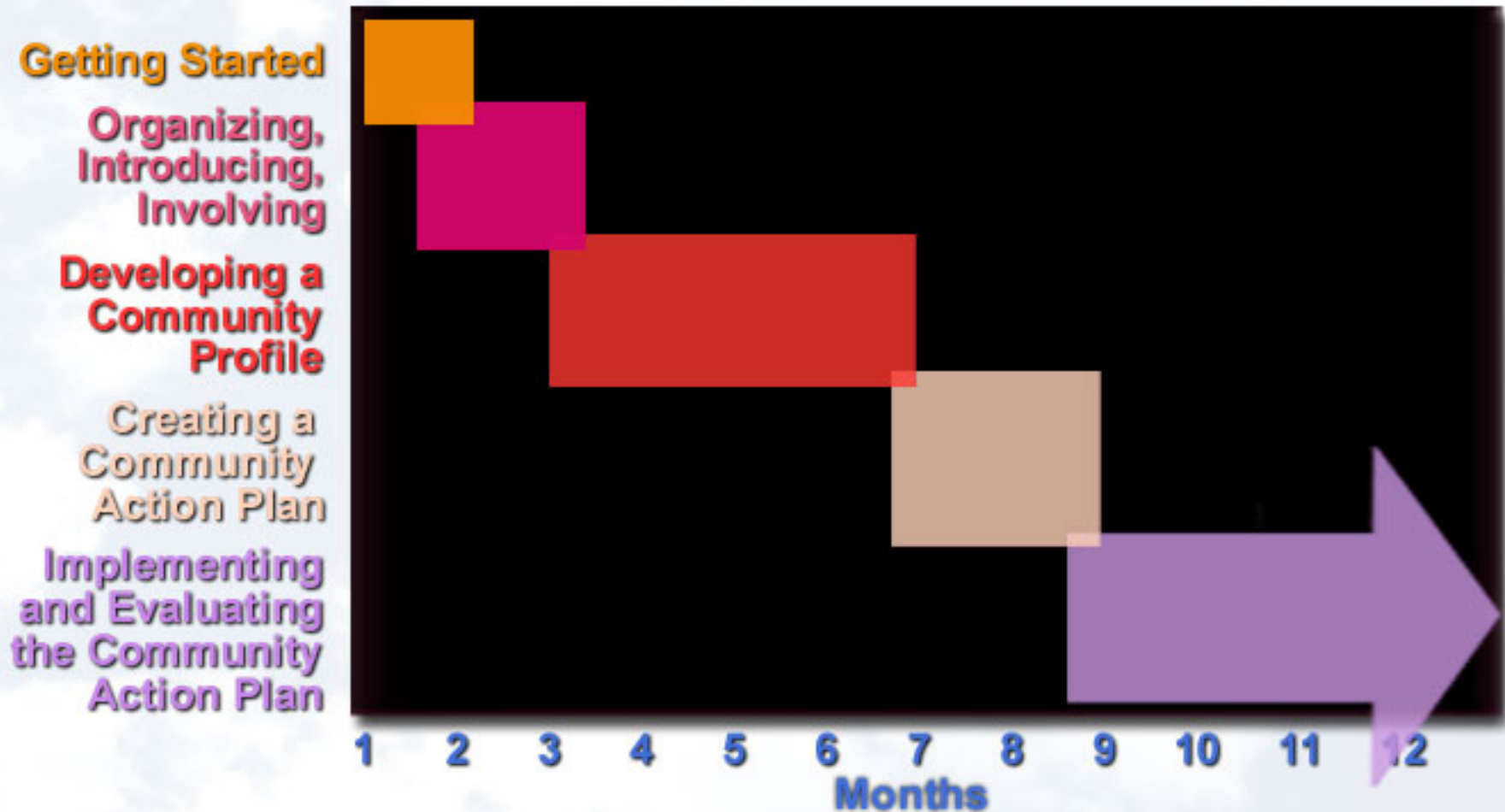








# The *Communities That Care* time line



# Supporting the *Communities* *That Care* effort



- Stay informed.
- Practice the Social Development Strategy in your life.
- Get to know your community leaders.







**Now you know where to start!**

